

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

MINUTES of the February 27, 2018 Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mari Lee. An invitation was extended to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The following members were present: Mari Lee, Lisa Clark, Annette Breiling, David Kaye, Lee Whisner, Francisco Alves, Michael Baran, Adam Book, Irene Packer-Halsey, Roger Sobkowiak, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye and newest member Nicola van Kuilenburg. Liaisons present were: Jet Reid, Lt. Joe Hayer, Ben MacShane and Captain Patrick Grossman.
- III. The January HRC meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by vote with 3 spelling corrections with a motion by Irene Packer-Halsey and a 2nd by Marguerite Vacca-Kaye.
- IV. Comments from the Public:
Willie Mahone spoke on behalf of the NAACP; he was seeking the support of the HRC. He is asking FCPS for moratorium and review for minorities for suspensions over 10 days and expulsions for students. Members of the HRC asked for additional information and Mr. Mahone said he would send it to Mari Lee that evening for her to distribute to the members.
- V. Comments from Law Enforcement:
Lt. Hayer reported that he is waiting on final approval for the annual report for the HRC. It will be a couple of months before it is ready to be distributed. Captain Grossman reported that 2 lateral hires from Frederick County Sheriff are coming on board. They are working on processes for hiring and looking for assistance. Miles Ward suggested the HRC could possibly help by creating a video on why the City of Frederick is a good place to work and live.
- VI. Officer Reports
 - Mari Lee reported that at the Executive Committee meeting on February 13, the members set the agenda for this meeting. The Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Public Safety Training Facility through August due to elevator repairs at Winchester Hall. The regular meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd floor of Winchester Hall the last Tuesday of each month. Mari Lee encouraged the HRC member to send in nominations, sell tickets and ads for the upcoming Awards Banquet. She challenged each member to get 5 nominations, sell 5 tickets, and 5 ads for the banquet in April.
 - Annette Breiling reported the balance in the HRC account is \$3,948.00.

- The Community Relations Committee will set a meeting to discuss the upcoming community conversation.
- The Internal Relations Committee will be discussing the Fair Housing Presentation and presenting the new HRC power point to the City of Frederick NACs at their next meeting.
- The Government Relations Committee will meet next week to discuss recommendations regarding Mr. Mahone's request regarding seeking a moratorium and review for minorities for suspensions over 10 days from the FCPS.

VII. Liaison Reports

- Ben MacShane reported that in response to complaints about activities near Frederick County Parks, new signs were installed at all of the parks entryways that say "*Frederick County Embraces Diversity, All are welcome*". He commended Frederick City Police for their presence at High School sporting events.
- Jet Reid gave an update on out of school suspension with a hand out of current statistics. He also gave another perspective on the moratorium that Mr. Mahone spoke about earlier in the meeting and responded with the School Board views. He also said that Frederick County is the first county in the state to have an equality policy.

VIII. Directors Report:

Miles Ward reported that on Tuesday March 13 that Maryland Association Human Relations/Rights Agencies were sponsoring a Maryland Human Rights Day. He passed out flyers in case anyone was interested in attending.

IX. New Business

Pat Fleet reported that the Love your Neighbor Orange Ribbon Campaign has been started in Frederick County. For more information or supplies contact her.

X. Those attending who chose to do so made brief final comments.

XI. Upcoming HRC Events:

HRC Retreat – April 7, 2018 – Public Safety Training Facility
Human Relations Banquet – April 25, 2018 Duchess Daughter

XII. The meeting was adjourned.